

High Holidays 5757

It may be only June, but the High Holidays are fast approaching. Here is some general information about the Holidays, with more details to follow in the next issue of the *Forward*.

As usual, all services except the second day of Rosh Hashanah will be held at the Unitarian Center, 1187 Franklin Street, San Francisco. Rosh Hashanah second-day services will be held at CSZ.

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 13

Rosh Hashanah

Saturday, September 14

Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 15

Kol Nidre

Sunday, September 22

Yom Kippur

Monday, September 23

and daytime services. Ushers will not collect the passes but rather will ask you to show them at the door. Members will still have the opportunity to obtain guest tickets and an order form will be included with the July / August *Forward*.

It has always been Sha'ar Zahav's policy to make seating available to non-members at the High Holidays. To avoid overcrowding, passes will also be needed for the additional seating areas for all services. Details regarding these passes will also be in next month's *Forward*.

Onegs and Break Fast

Join us for an oneg after the Rosh Hashanah evening service at the Unitarian Center. In place of an oneg after the Rosh Hashanah Musaf service, bring a

lunch and join us for our Seudat Mitzvah picnic before Tashlich. Services at CSZ on the second day of Rosh Hashanah will be followed by an oneg. There will be a large break-fast oneg at the Unitarian Center after Neilah, the closing service of Yom Kippur.

Children's Services

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur, children's services will be held at the Unitarian Center.

Child Care

Child care will be available for all evening and daytime services at the Unitarian Center. As in the past, advance reservations and prepayment will be required, in order to ensure that we

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Camp Swig Retreat

Let's Do It Again!

—Jonathan Pannor

A Sukkot retreat has been scheduled for September 27-29, just after Yom Kippur, at Camp Swig, after those attending the weekend last March swamped the planners with compliments and requests to do it again.

In March, 80 adults and children journeyed off to Camp Swig for an exciting weekend gathering entitled Spirituality and Jewish Values in Daily Life, a Family Retreat.

On that occasion, activities included small groups and experiential workshops designed to stimulate thought and discussion about the roles of Jewish spirituality and values in our daily lives. There also was a program for small children. Some of the favorite activities were the beautiful Shabbat services surrounded by the inspiring artistry of the Holocaust Memorial synagogue, a chanting workshop, and singing, led by Rosalind Glazer.

By the end of the retreat it was clear that the experience had strengthened the sense of belonging to our vibrant community. This is reinforced every week when many of us who did not know each other before the gathering see one another at Shabbat services.

The September retreat will have less programming and more free time to walk, meditate, swim and just relax. The main planned activities will be services and observance of Sukkot, including building a Sukkah. Singles, couples, families of all configurations and ages are encouraged to attend. Child care and children's programming will be available as will plenty of opportunities to get to know one another. Watch for the July / August issue of the *Gaily Forward* for more details. Plan now to attend!

Changes in Our Ticket Policy

For the first time, tickets will be required for all seats for all services. Members in good standing will no longer have to request their tickets but will receive them automatically in August. (Good standing requires payment of all 1995-96 dues and building assessments as well as a pledge and first quarter payment for 1996-97 dues.) These tickets will be in the form of passes for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This pass is to be presented for admission to both evening

Pride Parade

"Equality and Justice for All"

This year's Pride Parade is on Sunday, June 30, and CSZ is marching! However, we need your energy and creativity to make our contingent special. Do you want to march? Dance? Sing? Carry banners? Serve as a monitor? Schlep? Decorate a pickup truck? Call Dana in the office if you have any ideas or would like to join our contingent. This has been an extraordinary year in our community, so let's make this year's parade a memorable one!

Report on CSZ Israel Trip, June 21

From Petach Tikva to Petra, Masada to Metulla, our troop of enthusiastic CSZ-ers traveled the length and breadth of the land of Israel, and Jordan, too! The trip was a wonderful and transformative experience for everyone who participated. Our 1997 CSZ Israel trip participants will report back to the synagogue after the Shabbat service on Friday, June 21. Please join us as we share our impressions and stories as well as begin planning for our next CSZ trip!

Seasoning

April, May and June are particularly nice birthday months. April saw Gordon Osser host an oneg in honor of his 69th; Eli Weinstein was somewhere in his 60s in April; May 16 is Ed Tanovitz' 60th; on May 21, Jerry Rosenstein will be late 60-something, and Shirley Liberman celebrated her early 60-something in April. Daniel Chesir will be 54 in June and I will be too, but on May 18 (Daniel may appear older, but it is a conscious deception to make me feel better).



David Stein

I could play with numbers [54 = 3 x chai] but the numbers are not the point here. What stands out year after year is the general increasing seniority of our congregants, some of them long-term seasoned members. Twelve or so years ago, we used to have fun with age by ticking off who turned 40, and then who turned 50. The 50s became serious. I believe Leila Raim was first, then Mike Rankin, then Daniel and I and then Irene Ogus and the list goes on, with Allan Gold's sometime soon. Age need not diminish our involvement in Judaism and in the realization of that faith. Many of us decided to celebrate these age markers with pride and began to create celebrations for the stages of seniority as life-cycle events. A few years back Batya Kalis celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on her 70th birthday, rededicating herself to liturgy projects that have benefited us all. So many of us stood with her in delight and joy. She established the Inclusive Liturgy Fund to highlight her lifecycle event. Daniel and I established the Music Fund; others have done other things to enrich our shul on their birthdays.

But aging has other markers, such as retirement from active jobs. Was it really the case, we asked, that Sam Thal was of retirement age several years ago when he stepped down as a physician at Kaiser? Yes. And he entered a new reality. So too did Eli and many others after long careers. And those of us who never thought about such things, began to do so when our friends decided to step down.

We are a graying and seasoned shul.

Our senior members embody the experiences of our early growth and struggle. Many have served on committees and chaired them; some were officers; some were always there to help when called—when we had fewer than 100 members, when we needed a little more money. Chuck Norton is one of these people, as is Eli Weinstein, who still schleps the newsletter in postal bags to the bulk mail receiving station, as he has done for at least 15 years.

As Eli remarked, the reality of my age is not the problem. What is the problem is that those we thought were in their mid-30s when we met them are now in their 50s and we still imagine them in their 30s! Put another way, the reality of aging is often confusing. I am at the same numerical age my grandmother was when I first thought she was old. What does that make me now?

Some seasoned graying ones are often put off by the programming geared to children and to younger members. The reality is that many of us consciously chose not to have children, and it never dawned on some of us (like me) 15 or 20

years ago that we could, so we didn't. And others among us decide, even though they are older, to become adoptive parents or biological fathers, much to their surprise, when they consider the possibility. Deciding not to have children is a decision not limited to the single 50-ish male; many single women and some couples among us in their 30s decide not to. So we take steps to enrich our lives in other ways.

And for some of us, the most rewarding way was to join together to grow the shul. With the sudden increase of children, the impact of the decision made decades ago presents new challenges for some of us. Alex and I grasp at chances to be with CSZ kids. But of course on our terms.

Another marker of the aging member is the desire for CSZ traditions in music and liturgy and a growing desire to study. And another is the realization that we may have something important to impart to the congregation concerning the way it makes decisions, and the broad philosophical tenets under which we

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Environmental Action Defends Ancient Redwoods

The last week in April, CSZ was asked, along with other congregations, to represent a Jewish point of view at an inter-faith press conference of religious leaders dedicated to saving the Headwaters Forest.

This "last in the world" unprotected grove of virgin redwoods is located on the North Coast of California, and its owner is accelerating plans to log it. The conference took place in the courtyard of Grace Cathedral and was taped for future broadcast. CSZ member Barak Gale spoke about the high priority Judaism places on caring for God's creation.

To find out how you can be more involved with this and other environmental issues in a Jewish context, contact Brian Besser (255-7967) or Barak Gale (510/934-6299), co-chairs of CSZ's Environmental Action Committee.

HIV+ Support Group

CSZ has ongoing support services for members living with HIV/AIDS and their families and partners.

The next Support Group meeting is Saturday, June 8, 3-5 pm at CSZ.

You no longer need to RSVP for Support Group meetings.

If you have any questions, or would like to put your name on our confidential mailing list, please call Amy Clark at the office (861-6932). Join us!

Jerusalem 3000 Among Friends

Celebrate Jerusalem's 3000th Birthday at Yerba Buena Gardens on June 9, from 12-5 pm. This extravaganza will include a performance by David Broza, jewelry making, Israeli food, as well as a re-creation of Ben Yehuda Street and the Old City. To join your CSZ friends, meet us at the CSZ booth at 1 pm so we can enjoy the festivities together.

The eight gates of Jerusalem, provided by the Bureau of Jewish Education, will enable children to find treasures in an archaeological dig, make a mizrach, listen to storytellers, construct Chagall windows, create a Web page on the Internet, write notes for the "Wall" and make necklaces.

Other events during the day include face painting, numerous art activities, an afternoon full of music, Israeli dancing, singing and activities for every age. Families can picnic together, have a meal at a "Jerusalem" cafe and experience a day in "Israel" in the city.

For more information about the program, please call the JCRC (957-1551).

Summer Tot Shabbat

It's nearing that time again! Our next Tot Shabbat will be on July 26 at 7 pm. Bring your children to CSZ to welcome the Shabbat with songs and stories. To volunteer leading the service or helping with the Oneg, please call Dana in the office.

Re-imagining Reform Judaism

by Mike Rankin

Why was this meeting of the Commission on Social Action (held at the Religious Action Center in Washington, DC April 14-17) different from all other Commission meetings? Because instead of spending all three days considering issues of justice and peace (the usual agenda) we spent two of the days planning the future of Reform Judaism.

We did so in the company of a new generation of rabbis and lay leaders chosen to help shape the Reform movement, and the questions asked were anything but easy. What will Reform Judaism look like in the next century? What kind of worship will touch our hearts, souls and minds? What liturgy and music will enhance our God-seeking? What other activities will draw us to the synagogue?

What kinds of Jewish families will we have? Perhaps much like those we see at Shabbat services at CSZ (the Commission is used to my little CSZ plugs): single-parent families, blended, inter-faith, and multi-cultural families, families with two men or two women or two of one and one of another, those with no blood relatives but only their synagogue families. And yes, Jewish Brady-bunch families, all of us together welcoming Shabbat and each other.

Chair Evelyn Shlensky brought together a remarkable faculty to guide our debate, including Rabbis Larry Hoffman, Peter Knobel, Rachel Cowan, Lynne Landsberg, Lennie Thal and Eric Yoffe. Educators Linda Thal and Sarah Lee challenged us to create a curriculum for lifetime learning for Jews eager to study and teach.

Leonard (Leibel) Fein, whom Rabbi Yoffe just appointed Director of the Commission, served as service leader at our Yom Hashoah memorial. Al Vorspan was there too, and both he and Leibel served as our conscience and mentors. The work was hard, intense and fun.

We left committed for the next millennium to worship that is joyful and moving, congregations that are true communities of faith, and members with a knowledge of Judaism that can bring healing to a broken world.

Sound a little like where Sha'ar Zaphan is headed? It does to me, too.



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Minutes of the Va'ad

—David Gellman, Acting Recorder

Rabbi Kahn reported that there are 19 members signed up for the Israel trip, which departs on April 27 and returns on May 5. New arrivals: the CSZ Hag-gadah and a new office computer. The Congregational Seder was a success; we should continue to push to match people with families as well.

The Va'ad took a final look at next year's budget, including an overview of CSZ's financial situation, past, present and future. The fact that our expenses annually increase at a greater rate than our income highlights the need for a dues increase if we are to maintain our three-month operating reserve and an average annual operating reserve of \$50,000.

The Va'ad considered a proposal to offer congregants the option of only 1.25% dues in the first year of the dues increase. The proposal was rejected after a discussion of why a one-time increase was originally passed: to demonstrate our commitment to fiscal solvency and to avoid the difficulties associated with annual increases.

Ron Lezell updated the Va'ad on the net expenses allocated to Children's Education as a percentage of CSZ's total general fund budget. Result: the total spent by CSZ on children as a percentage of our budget in '95-96 was only 4.2%. With the expansion of our staff educator's job to a full-time position, the percentage will rise to 8.6% in '96-97. In other respects, the '96-97 budget is much the same as last year's. Our budget, which is based on current dues rates, shows a \$21,000 deficit notwithstanding withdrawals from reserves and Ma'ayan fund. The new budget passed unanimously, with thanks to Michael Zimmerman.

The Va'ad reviewed the Task Force's final report on the role of the non-Jew in the synagogue. The Va'ad accepted the Task Force's report as a working policy for the congregation and its leadership, one which may require by-law revisions in future months.

The Election Committee reported that Jeffrey Forman, Sara Haber, and Eileen Levy have agreed to run for the three-year Va'ad seats; Ellie Cohen for the one-year seat being vacated by Jonathan Comisar, who is leaving for cantorial school; Mark Bowers for recorder; Leah Wolf for treasurer. Administrative VP Diana Buchbinder and Program VP Judith Cohen will each run for another term.

First Yazman Memorial Scholarship Awarded

Tom Yazman, a long time member of CSZ, died in May 1994. A pediatrician, Tom cared deeply for children and had a deep love of Judaism. He left a bequest to CSZ to establish the Dr. Tom Yazman Scholarship Fund at CSZ. The scholarship will help a student who is in the *bar/bat mitzvah* program at CSZ attend a summer session at UAHC Camp Swig. The qualifications for the Yazman scholarship include: commitment to Torah and learning, application to one's studies and active participation in the congregation. On Tom Yazman's *yahrzeit*, Aaron Garay Buchbinder became *bar mitzvah* and was awarded the first Yazman Scholarship. Aaron will attend the Shomrim session at Camp Swig this summer. We join in wishing *mazel tov* to Aaron as we also honor Tom's memory.

Naches

To Allyce Kimerling and Frances Rotolo on their new home in Fresno and on Allyce's appointment as an attorney with the State Division of Labor Standards Enforcement. We'll miss you!

To Aaron Garay Buchbinder, on becoming *bar mitzvah*.

To Ellen Lewin, on the publication of a book she co-edited: *Out in the Field: Reflections of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists*.

To Mark Mackler, on moving into his new home.

To Deborah Agre and Michael Baum, on the birth of Eli Joseph Agre Baum.

To Jeff Forman on his new position at Lulu and the inclusion of his recipe in the *Project Open Hand Cookbook*.

To Rabbi Eric Weiss, on his new position with Ruach Ami: Bay Area Jewish Healing Center.

To Miki Goralsky and Lisa Ginsberg, on their new jobs and their impending move to Los Angeles. We'll miss you!

To Jeff Lilly, on passing his Master's Examination in Russian Language and Literature.

To Shelley M. Samuels and Robin A. Dubner, on their fifth anniversary.

To Ed Tanovitz, on his 60th birthday.

To Margarita Bekker, on her acceptance into the Language Studies Program at UC Berkeley.

To Leslie Katz, on her appointment to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

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President

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work. We want to be asked our opinions and respected for our experience.

The benefit of being involved in our shul is to have experiences with all ages and all stages of life centered around our spiritual life together. In the early years of the congregation we used the word family to describe what we felt was the informing metaphor of our relationships. Later we started to use the term community, which allows more diverse elements. Now we are actively supporting the formation of *chavurot*, affinity groups, interest groups, friendly groups with some purpose and goal. Several *chavurot* have come and gone, but there is one activity that seasoned members have participated in over the years, and that is our Kaiser Brunch program.

For the past ten years, our Kaiser Brunch Committee celebrated the last Sunday of each month by providing a brunch to patients, family and care-givers in the AIDS wards of Kaiser Hospital. The committee evolved into a *chavurah*, really. Allan Berenstein (when he was 40) chaired the committee with the late Frank Hyman, and as the years went on a group of regulars could be relied on to come each month. The group cut across the age range, but most were in their 50s or so. The *chavurah* used the brunch to check in with each other, supporting each other and those for whom they brought food. The brunch is closing down but the *chavurah* remains and is exploring other options.

For these and other reasons, I plan to help foster *chavurot* for seasoned members (15-year veterans) or members over 50. I plan to ask people to help form a Torah Study *Chavurah* for seniors and perhaps to request an allocation from

Ma'ayan for seed money to pay for a teacher. There is currently the beginnings of an adult *B'nai Mitzvah* class that generally is set up to run for two years, but we could start another class for seniors to run in tandem.

I have plans to target seasoned members and invite them to discussion sessions on synagogue issues, hoping to tap into the knowledge and experience that come with age. This unofficial *chavurah* of the CSZ-wise could help those of us who are charged with governance get the bigger picture and become more aware of little-noticed concerns, such as when we consider buying a building, for example.

And it is important for all who are seasoned (whether lightly seasoned or well seasoned) to make their presence known and their concerns known in constructive ways. Come to Va'ad meetings. Join or rejoin finance or building committees. Plan on coming to the CSZ Camp Swig Weekends and ask for workshops relevant to us: adult study groups; adult arts and crafts workshops; and perhaps discussion groups about fears of aloneness as we get older and what we can expect from our synagogue to help alleviate these things.

Yes, I woke up a few years back and looked at a picture of myself sitting on a sofa in our apartment in Tel Aviv and there I was, no beard and not a gray hair on my head. It seemed like yesterday. But as Allan Berenstein keeps reminding me: "It wasn't, Gracie." And I notice all my friends at the shul are a bit more lined and grayer and wiser. And I want to reconnect with them and believe that *chavurot* sponsored by the congregation is the way. Let me hear your thoughts.

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Stephanie Hannaford, in memory of Dora Yoffie.

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Alex Ingersoll and David Stein, in honor of Aaron Garay Buchbinder's becoming *bar mitzvah*.

Phyllis and George Mintzer, in memory of Rose Mintzer and Harriet Opal.

Fund for the House in Order Manual

Paul Cohen and Bob Gutterman, in memory of Philip Wilmot.

Batya Kalis, in honor of Paul Cohen's being named JCF Volunteer of the Year.

Sen Talley, in memory of Allen Harris.

Inclusive Liturgy Fund

Batya Kalis, in honor of Thea Mauro's entrance into the Covenant, the naming of Rina Simone Prussin and Danielle Billinkoff's becoming *bat mitzvah*.

Alice Prussin, in honor of the publication of the Healing Service.

Batya Kalis, in memory of Rose Jacobstein.

Library Fund

Margarita Bekker, in honor of her acceptance to UC Santa Cruz.

Special Thanks to Gordon Osser and Bill Goldstein for their donations of Volumes IV & V of The Steinsaltz Edition of the Talmud to the CSZ library in honor of Ed Tanovitz's 60th birthday.

Social Action Fund

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Mike Rankin, in celebration of the CCR's vote in support of same-gender marriage.

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Walter Leiss, in honor of Rabbi Kahn's fabulous contribution at the CCR Convention.

Mike Rankin, in appreciation of Rabbi Kahn's contribution to the CCR.

Jane and Mark Graeven, in honor of Rabbi Kahn's help with their 20th anniversary "marriage."

Paul Cohen Receives JCF's Volunteer of the Year Award

Paul Cohen, member and past president of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, will receive the Jewish Community Federation's Volunteer of the Year Award at a ceremony to be held Thursday, June 13 at Congregation Emanu-El.

Paul was a member of the Hillel Board of Directors at San Francisco State for several years. He served as co-chair of a task force with the charge of looking at services in the Northern California region and revamping San Francisco Hillel in relation to broader community needs. The Board of San Francisco Hillel decided to make 1995-96 a transition year from serving primarily San Francisco State University students to a more city-wide model. Paul agreed to serve as acting Executive Director of the agency on a volunteer basis during this period of transition. The task force finished its work and report in February 1996, and Paul served until the end of April, after which he took an extended vacation while the Board recruited a Director of Urban Services.

Paul has been an indefatigable volunteer at CSZ for many years and in virtually every capacity. At present, he serves on five committees: Dues, Leadership Development, Bikkur Cholim, Personnel, and this year's Elections Committee. In addition, he serves on the Past Presidents' Council; he has led services, given High Holiday sermons, served on Beit Dins for persons entering the covenant, and performed countless other *mitzvot* for our membership. For a number of years, he was on the AIDS committee.

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New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new member this month. A warm welcome to the latest person to join our family:

Lezlie Frishman

We are grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

Sponsors of the Shabbaton in honor of Rabbi Yoel Kahn:

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Pledges and Gifts to Ma'ayan 96

The following members and friends have supported Ma'ayan 96 as of May 12. To date, we have raised \$14,945 towards our goal of \$18,000!

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Marilyn O'Keeffe and Nancy Meyer
Claire Rappoport
Nathan Robinson
Andrew Schwartz
Kate Sharp and Alita Rosenfeld
Martin Sinkoff and David Stocks
Daphne Stuart
Robert Tat
Sam Thal
Dana Vinicoff
Sam Walters

Ma'ayanot (All Other Gifts)

Leonard Brill
Mary Jane Eisenberg
Arlene Elster
Jeff Friedman
Barak Gale
Allan Giannini
Ruby Gold
Tova Green
Emily Harrison
Stephan Howard
Elizabeth M. Katz
Rose Katz
Michael Kay
Elizabeth Landsberg and Gordon Dean
Shirley Liberman and Margaret Livingston
Jan Medina
Ron and Ruth Miguel
Julie Moed and Shelley Eisenman
Ronald D. Moskowitz
Charles H. Norton
Douglas Okun
Lolma Olson and Beth Reed
Sandy O'Neill
Perry Paker
Drew Parker
Jerry Polansky and Mark Schoenberg
Ora Prochovnick and Rena Frantz
Dona Rabinowitz
Nina Raff and Annie Winters
Ruth Rainero
Claudio Resnick
Douglas Robson
Margaret Rossoff
Judy Schwartz and Carolyn Pines
Neil Sechan
Jeffrey Sherman
Robert Stern
Eli Weinstein
Randy Weiss
Marcy Whitebook

High Holidays

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have an adequate number of child care workers and to avoid overcrowding. Child care will not be provided for children without prepaid reservations. Details to follow in the next *Forward*.

Begin Your Year with a Mitzvah

A great amount of time and effort goes into making the High Holidays go smoothly. We can't do it without your contribution. Volunteers are needed for many diverse tasks. Please call Lea Salem at the office if you would like to volunteer.

Oneg Schedule

As described in the October 1995 *Forward*, every CSZ member who lives in the immediate Bay Area has been assigned to volunteer at **oneg** each year. The schedule for the next two months is below. (If you have asked the synagogue not to print your name in the newsletter, your name will not appear on the schedule; however, you are still assigned for the week where your name falls alphabetically.) You'll also be called or sent a postcard reminding you that your week is coming up. Volunteering means:

- set up the oneg (come at 7:30 and put up hot water, pour juice/wine, set out food)
- clean up the oneg (put away food/drinks, collect plates, wash dishes, wipe off tables)

June 7

J. Lilly
M. Lipschutz
E. Litman
G. Llamado & A. Slepian
E. Lopatin
L. Lowe
S. Lowe
S. Lowinger

June 14

S. Lubeck
M. Lubitz
G. Lucas & T. Rothgiesser
A. Ludden
M. Luskin
C. Lyons
H. Mach
M. Mackler
J. Macks

June 21

E. Magenheim
R. Mailman
C. Mann
J. Marah
P. Margolis
T. Mauro & P. Miller
C. Mayerson

June 28

J. Medina
R. Mehler
N. Meyer & M. O'Keefe
E. Meyers
S. Meyers
R. Meyerson

• bring food (cookies, cake, kugel, cut vegetables, fruit or whatever you want, as long as it's vegetarian).

Please call the oneg chair, Allan Gianini (255-8117), a week in advance to confirm what you want to do. We'll provide instructions for people setting up and cleaning up.

Participation each week is on a first-come, first-served basis, with the primary goal being getting enough people to set up and clean up. If you have circumstances which make it impossible for you to ever help with an oneg, please let Allan know.

If you have volunteered at an oneg since August 4, 1995, you have fulfilled your 1995-96 oneg obligation and can ignore your name when it appears.

July 5

A. Michels & L. Ok Sun Kim
L. Michels
C. Migden
R. & R. Miguel
A. Miranda- Mendoza
J. Moscovich
R. Moskowitz

July 12

F. & S. Nacamulli
H. Nielson & W. Snow
C. Norton
S. O'Neill
L. Ochs
I. Ogus
D. Okun

July 19

M. Oliver & S. Polsky
L. Olson
G. Osser
H. Ostendorf
J. Pannor
D. Parker
H. Parker
C. Patt
B. Pechter
O. Perlman

July 26

M. Person & S. Tanenbaum
M. Pierce
C. Pies
C. Pines & J. Schwartz
H. Podgur
J. Polansky & M. Schoenberg
E. Pollock
J. Portal

New Healing Center Rabbis

Ruach Ami: San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Healing Center has announced the appointment of two new rabbis, following the departure of Rabbis Nancy Flam and Amy Eilberg.

CSZ member, Rabbi Eric Weiss, who has been Supervisor of Chaplaincy Students in the Pastoral Care Department at California Pacific Medical Center, will join the *Ruach Ami* staff part-time in mid June and will be full time, following completion of current commitments, in September. Rabbi Miriam Senturia of Philadelphia will join the staff on July 1. We welcome both of them and wish them *mazel tov* on their appointments.

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Anniversaries

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| 2 | Beth Ross & Laura Trupin |
| 2 | Lillian Schaechner & Elaine Weissman |
| 6 | Dev & Sara Felder Noily |
| 8 | John Bachert & Marjorie Bachert |
| 9 | Joe Hample & Reineres Susbilla |
| 10 | Frank Yellin & Mark Showalter |
| 10 | Nina Jo Smith & Ruth Mahaney |
| 10 | Steven Diller & Ira Johnson |
| 13 | Dan Bellm & Yoel Kahn |
| 13 | Alison Austin & Dee Hibbert-Jones |
| 18 | Daniel Alpert & Eric Weiss |
| 18 | Rachel Wahba & Judy Dlugacz |
| 19 | Dana Vinicoff & Sarah Peterson |
| 19 | Lisa Ginsburg & Michal Goralsky |
| 21 | Shelley M. Samuels & Robin Dubner |
| 21 | Paul Nemrow & Jeff Forman |
| 21 | Ellen Lewin & Liz Goodman |
| 21 | Lolma Olson & Beth Reed |
| 21 | Debbi Jacobs-Levine & Joel Levine |
| 24 | Lyssa Friedman & Daphne Stuart |
| 25 | Suzanne Bojdak & Debbie Yates |
| 29 | Tova Green & Fran Peavey |
| 29 | Steve Lowinger & Dave Dean |
| 30 | Alita Rosenfeld & Kate Sharp |
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Condolences

We extend our condolences to:

Leyna Bernstein, on the death of her father, Sanford Bernstein.

Seth Frohman, on the death of his brother, Brad Frohman.

Jonathan Goldman, on the death of his friend, Raymond Barker.

Ellen Goldstein, on the death of her friend, Manny Paredes.

Robert Katz, on the death of his father, George Katz.

Ed Lopatin, on the death of his friend, Joyce Swader.

Eloise Magenheimer, on the death of her grandmother, Florence Bobrowitz Magenheimer.

Richard Sinkoff, on the death of his friend, Rich Zelez.

Ron Wilmot, on the death of his father, Philip Wilmot.

The memory of the righteous is for a blessing.

Free Loans for Students

The Hebrew Free Loan Association provides interest-free loans to full-time Jewish students attending colleges for undergraduate or graduate studies as well as vocational schools. There is a special student loan fund available for rabbinic or Jewish communal service students. There is also a special loan fund to assist people who send their children to Jewish day schools. In addition, there is limited grant money to aid people with Jewish day care or camp needs.

For more information, pick up a brochure in the CSZ office or call the Hebrew Free Loan Association (546-9902).

Community-Wide ARZA Shabbat

ARZA (the Association of Reform Zionists of America) and the Social Justice Committee of Congregation Sherith Israel invite you to share in an ARZA/Operation Equality Shabbat on Friday, June 7. The Shabbat theme will be Human Rights & the Pursuit of Religious Freedom in Israel. Guest speaker is Rabbi Uri Regev, Director of the Israel Religious Action Center in Jerusalem, a friend to many in CSZ.

The community is invited to Shabbat services at 6 pm followed by a 7 pm chicken dinner. For dinner reservations, send \$10 to Sherith Israel, 2266 California St., San Francisco, CA 94115 by June 5.

Onegs

These generous people sponsored onegs during the month of April:

- 10 **CSZ**, in honor of the nominees for next year's Officers and Va'ad.
- 11 **Rena Frantz and Ora Prochovnick**, in honor of their 13th anniversary and their wedding.
- 17 **CSZ**, in honor of the Rabbinate of Yoel Kahn.
- 24 **A friend of CSZ**, in celebration of life.

The Boys in the Band

CSZ invites you to join us in seeing *The Boys in the Band*, directed by Neal Shorstein, at 2 pm Sunday, July 28 at 450 Geary Blvd. Tickets are being reduced to \$13 for our community.

Deadline for reservations is July 19. For more information, please call Rob Tat (861-2350).

Paul Cohen

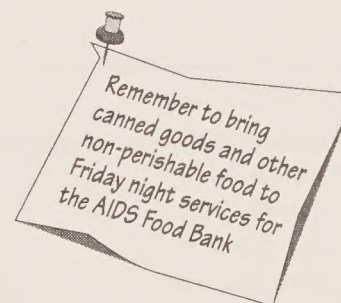
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tee of the Regional UAHC and helped to develop the idea of a traveling AIDS exhibit. He sees his role as connecting people (and organizations) which have needs with others who have the resources to meet those needs.

It is evident that Paul Cohen is richly deserving of this Award from the Jewish Community Federation, the umbrella funding agency for all major Jewish activities in the Bay Area, and we wish him a hearty *mazel tov*.

Join CSZ in the Tenth Annual AIDS Walk

CSZ wants you to join our team for the tenth Annual AIDS Walk on Sunday, July 21, at 9 am in Golden Gate Park. Last year, we ranked fifth highest among the fundraising religious teams, and we can raise even more money this year with your assistance. This ten-kilometer fundraising walkathon benefits the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and other outstanding Bay Area AIDS organizations. There is no fee to participate in the AIDS walk, but **pre-registration is required**. You can pick up a form at CSZ and send it in to AIDS Walk San Francisco, Post Office Box 193920, San Francisco, CA 94119-3920 or fax in a white form (392-8707). Remember to tell them our team is Number 288 or that you're with CSZ!



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1	Donald Abrams
2	Nina Wouk
2	Lisa Feldstein
3	Shoshana Jacobs-Levine
3	David Hyman
3	Stephanie Wolper
4	Ora Prochovnick
4	Hanya Barth
5	Katye Gulley
5	Rick Crane
6	Nina Jacobs-Levine
6	Marsha Blachman
7	Amy Weston
8	Daniel Sadlier
8	Brian Besser
8	Marianne Balin
9	Allyce Kimerling
9	Glenn Shor
9	Laura Lowe
9	Barbara Becker
10	Claudia Bernard
10	Rose Katz
10	Daniel Chesir
11	Timothy Rubin
11	Annie Winters
15	Zachary Shelton
15	Steven Wiesner
16	Shayna Frantz Prochovnick
17	Adam Bellm Kahn
17	Pieter de Haan
18	Margaret Livingston
18	Susan Lubeck
18	Jason Gaber
19	Isaac Chotiner-Whitebook
19	Michal Goralsky
19	Renee Lafarge
20	Janis Portal
20	Larry Wexler
20	Susan Mizner
21	Richard Sinkoff
21	Leyna Bernstein
21	Eileen Levy
21	Theresa Rendlich
22	Margaret Rossoff
23	Deborah Agre
24	Howard Goldberg
25	Dyan Dreisbach
26	Lynne Portnoy
26	Marc Lipschutz
28	Lisa Katz
29	Emma Buchbinder
29	Eve Meyer



Synagogue Information

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Newsletter, by committee
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Social Action, Eloise Magenheimer
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Women's Chavurah, open

Members wishing to contact any Va'ad member or committee chair are invited to obtain his or her number from the synagogue office.

Office Hours: Monday–Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. Please call the synagogue office (861-6932).

Emergency Number: In an emergency, the congregation can be contacted outside of office hours (861-6938).

Bikkur Cholim: If you or a friend who is a member of Sha'ar Zahav is ill in the hospital or at home, and would like to have the rabbi or a member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee call or visit, please notify the synagogue office.

Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Mike Rankin, Robin Leonard, liaisons) and of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations (Lane Schickler, liaison).

Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am—check calendar for each month. Morning Minyan meets Mondays at 8:30 am.

Gift Shop Hours: Fridays, 7:30–8:05 pm.

Library Hours: Open during office hours, and 30 minutes before and after Friday night services.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav (Congregation of the Golden Gate) is located in the Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Danvers at Caselli, which is one block south of the intersection of 18th and Market streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus 33 Stanyan to 18th and Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli.

1 Saturday
14 Sivan

2 Sunday
15 Sivan

- 4:30 pm, Klezmer Band Rehearsal

3 Monday
16 Sivan

- 8:30 am, Morning Minyan
- 6 pm, Healing service

4 Tuesday
17 Sivan

- 6:30 pm, Dues Committee meets at the home of Paul Cohen

5 Wednesday
18 Sivan

6 Thursday
19 Sivan

7 Friday
20 Sivan

- 6 pm, ARZA/Operation Equality Shabbat at Sherith Israel
- 7 pm, Early Kabbalat Shabbat: Larry Wexler
- 8:12 pm, Candle lighting
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Brian Besser and Martha Rosett

8 Saturday
21 Sivan

- 10 am, Shabbat service: Frank Yellin
- 3 pm, HIV+ Support Group

9 Sunday
22 Sivan

- 1 pm, Jerusalem 3000 at Yerba Buena Gardens

10 Monday
23 Sivan

- 8:30 am, Morning Minyan
- 6:30 pm, Va'ad meeting

11 Tuesday
24 Sivan

12 Wednesday
25 Sivan

- 7 pm, Newsletter editing

13 Thursday
26 Sivan

- 6:30 pm, Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah meeting

14 Friday
27 Sivan

- 7:30 pm, Niggun Service: Johanna Ceapach Choinn
- 8:15 pm, Candle lighting
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Lyssa Friedman and Steve Weitz, Sermon by Dr. Carol Ochs

15 Saturday
28 Sivan

16 Sunday
29 Sivan

17 Monday
30 Sivan

- 8:30 am, Morning Minyan
- 6 pm, Healing service
- 7 pm, Newsletter layout

18 Tuesday
1 Tammuz

- 7 pm, Membership Committee meeting

19 Wednesday
2 Tammuz

20 Thursday
3 Tammuz

- 6:30 pm, Bikkur Cholim meeting
- 7 pm, Klezmer Band Rehearsal

21 Friday
4 Tammuz

- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Tova Green and Ruth Schoenbach; report on Israel trip following service
- 8:15 pm, East Bay service: Larry Wexler
- 8:17 pm, Candle lighting

22 Saturday
5 Tammuz

- 7:30 pm, CSZ Pride Party

23 Sunday
6 Tammuz

24 Monday
7 Tammuz

- 8:30 am, Morning Minyan

25 Tuesday
8 Tammuz

26 Wednesday
9 Tammuz

27 Thursday
10 Tammuz

- 6:30 pm, Ritual Committee meeting
- 7 pm, Newsletter distribution

28 Friday
11 Tammuz

Shabbat Freedom

- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Mike Rankin and Dana Vinicoff
- 8:18 pm, Candle lighting

29 Saturday
12 Tammuz

30 Sunday
13 Tammuz

Pride Day Parade

- 10:30 am, Kaiser Brunch

Note: Gray areas indicate religious services.

JULY/AUGUST FORWARD DEADLINES

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Please submit articles both on 3½-inch disk and hard copy on paper *double spaced*. Write "Attn. Gaily Forward" on top and mail to CSZ. *No deadline extensions without advance permission from the editorial coordinator (821-3855) or kalis@out.org, internet.*

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- 8/16 Susan Tubbesing, 3433 Brunell, Oakland (510/482-3740)

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